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EXAMINING GROUP 2137**



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/923,588

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§ Atty. Dkt. No: 5181-75900

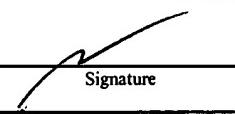
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action of July 14, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.